House Study Bill 93

HOUSE FILE BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY BILL BY CHAIRPERSON LYKAM)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to reporting the treatment of serious wounds received as the result of a crime to a law enforcement agency and making penalties applicable.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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Section 1. Section 147.111, Code 2009, is amended to read
   2 as follows:
         147.111 REPORT OF TREATMENT OF WOUNDS AND OTHER INJURIES.
         \underline{\mathtt{Any}}\ \underline{\mathtt{A}}\ \mathtt{person} licensed under the provisions of this subtitle
   5 <u>or certified under the provisions of chapter 147A</u> who <del>shall</del> 6 <u>administer</u> <u>administers</u> any treatment to any person suffering a
   7 gunshot or stab wound or other serious injury, as defined in
   8 section 702.18, which appears to have been received in 9 connection with the commission of a criminal offense <u>including</u>
  10 the criminal offense of homicide or serious injury by vehicle 11 as provided in section 707.6A, or to whom an application is
1 12 made for treatment of any nature because of any such gunshot
1 13 or stab wound or other serious injury, as defined in section
1 14 702.18, shall at once but not later than twelve hours
1 15 thereafter, report that fact to the law enforcement agency
1 16 within whose jurisdiction the treatment was administered or an
1 17 application therefor for treatment was made, or if
1 18 ascertainable, to the law enforcement agency in whose
1 19 jurisdiction the gunshot or stab wound or other serious injury
1 20 occurred, stating the name of such person, the person's
1 21 residence if ascertainable, and giving a brief description of
  22 the gunshot or stab wound or other serious injury. Any
1 23 provision of law or rule of evidence relative to confidential
1 24 communications is suspended insofar as the provisions of this
  25 section are concerned.
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EXPLANATION

This bill relates to reporting the treatment of serious

1 28 wounds to a law enforcement agency.

The bill specifies that a first responder, an emergency 1 30 medical care provider, or any other person certified under 1 31 Code chapter 147A is required to report the treatment of any 32 gunshot or stab wound, or any other serious injury, to the 33 local law enforcement agency, if such an injury is received in 34 connection with the commission of a criminal offense. Current 35 law specifies that a person licensed under Code chapter 147 is 1 required to report such serious injuries received in 2 connection with a criminal offense to a local law enforcement 3 agency.

The bill also specifies that serious injuries received in 5 connection with the criminal offense of homicide or serious 6 injury by vehicle are to be reported to the local law 7 enforcement agency.

Under the bill and in current law, any law or rule relating 9 to confidential information is suspended in order to 10 effectuate the reporting of a serious wound received from the

11 commission of a criminal offense. A person who violates the bill commits a simple misdemeanor

13 as provided in Code section 147.113.

2 14 A simple misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no 2 15 more than 30 days or a fine of at least \$65 but not more than 2 16 \$625 or by both. 2 17 LSB 1575HC 83